Mountain Weather Forecast

Bannau Brycheiniog (Brecon Beacons) National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 19 Dec 2024 until 23:59 on Friday 20 Dec 2024

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 18 Dec 2024 at 14:18

Confidence: High for a showery, colder northwesterly flow on Thursday, then lowering from Friday for the transitional detail frontal systems track eastwards over the weekend.

Headline for Thursday 19 Dec 2024: Feeling cold with sunny spells and wintry showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 19 Dec 2024

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales Low Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** High Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Low Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers (night)	Sleet showers	Sleet showers	Sleet showers	Sleet showers (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
60%	40%	40%	40%	30%	20%	10%	10%

Forecast for Thursday 19 Dec 2024

Weather: A chilly start with frequent, blustery showers, these sometimes turning heavy with the risk of hail and thunder in western areas of the park. Showers turning wintry over the highest peaks, with a snow level around 600-700m. Showers easing later to leave a drier evening with clear spells.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 60% rising to 90% into the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud around 600-700m will gradually lift and break up during the morning, with cloud bases generally above all summits through the afternoon, though perhaps dropping to around 600m in any heavier showers. Generally excellent visibility, though moderate or poor in any rain showers, and very poor in snow showers and low cloud.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	23/30 NW	22/28 NW	19/25 NW	19/26 NW	23/30 NW	20/28 NW	18/25 NW	14/20 NW	14/21 W
300	12/24 NW	11/22 NW	10/20 NW	11/23 NW	12/25 NW	11/24 NW	9/18 W	7/17 W	8/19 W
Valley	11/25 NW	10/21 NW	9/22 NW	11/24 NW	11/25 NW	10/24 NW	8/18 W	6/16 W	7/18 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	2/-4	1/-5	0/-6	0/-6	1/-6	1/-5	1/-5	1/-4	1/-4
300	4/0	3/-1	2/-2	2/-2	3/-2	3/-1	2/-1	3/-1	3/-0
Valley	5/1	4/0	2/-1	2/-2	4/-0	4/0	3/-0	3/0	3/0
Freezing Level*	900m	700m	600m	500m	600m	600m	600m	700m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

A very cold feel to the day with brisk northwesterly winds so extra clothing, including thermals, are likely to be required. Some slippery surfaces and routes are possible due to the cold temperatures and frequent showers.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
15:00 on Wed 18 Dec 2024	14.8mm	15.6mm	18.6mm

Forecast for Friday 20 Dec 2024

Weather: A cloudy morning with scattered showers. A band of heavy and persistent rain will move southwards during the afternoon, with clearer spells developing by the evening.

Maximum wind: Southwesterly 30mph gusting 40mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 20% during the day, rising to 80% from late afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive cloud bases around 700m, but falling to 400-500m at times during the morning and early afternoon. Cloud bases lifting above the summits late afternoon onwards. Visibility generally moderate to poor but very poor at times across the hill tops as cloud bases lower. Improving to very good from late afternoon.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Minus 1 Celsius, rising to plus 9 Celsius.
At 600m: Zero Celsius, rising to plus 4 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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